

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Our forefathers believed that the freedom of speech was the most critical right for a free and independent citizenry (based on their order of rights in the 10 amendments), and this proposed regulation is a threat to providing a forum for free speech. The consolidation of the media into fewer and fewer hands has done tremendous damage to our ability to hear the alternative voices (not dominated by the huge content providers) that allow a people to make good democratic decisions. I urge you to vote against this change.